LAAC North Stars 2017-18
February 14, 2018 – Progress

Policy Areas	North Star	SMART Goals	Progress to Date
Authorization	Sections of the District Required Language (DRL) that limit or threaten educators' ability to focus their time and resources on providing a high-quality education to LA students are removed or modified.	• Remove or substantially modify, at minimum, four high-priority DRL concerns by September 2017, prioritizing language that: o Provides for unlawful charter revocation; o Sets the groundwork for expansive, opaque OIG oversight; o Requires alternative dispute resolution; o Limits long-term facilities use agreements.	• DRL was board-approved in November 2017 with improvements to the following sections: Special Ed, Facilities, Dispute Resolution, Insurance and District Policies*. • *A working group is currently working with the district to come to agreement on a comprehensive list of policies that apply to LAUSD charter schools. This working group is our first meaningful engagement with Frances Gipson and could represent a new path forward for charter-district relations.
Oversight	Oversight of charter schools is efficient for both LAUSD and educators, centered on student learning, and promotes a collaborative relationship between charter schools and their authorizer.	• LAUSD's Board directs the Superintendent to implement the District's current oversight and authorization policy with fidelity, focusing on student success with an emphasis on (*the specific emphasis to be decided w/ LAAC input, likely including: revised comparison schools, differentiated renewal and oversight process for schools, consistent oversight scores, etc*.) by January 1, 2018. • If necessary, secure change of leadership for LAUSD CSD and support this need with data showing ineffective, inefficient, and inconsistent CSD performance by June 30, 2018.	• **SY16-17**: Charter community develops oversight survey to define challenges in oversight. • **August**: LAAC declares Oversight as one of its 3 North Star goals, discusses changes to oversight with Board President Rodriguez. • **September**: Policy Working Group and LAAC review changes to 17-18 Oversight rubric, provide feedback to District resulting in minor changes to timelines but no major changes to content. • **October**: LAAC provides overview of priorities to broader charter community; breakout group at CCSA Regional Meeting provides feedback on possible oversight changes. • **November**: Oversight Policy Working Group reviews proposed changes policy and provides recommendations to LAAC. • **December**: LAAC formally considers proposed changes to policy and finds Policy Working Group scope needs to be broader and address District orientation toward charters.

			- **January:** CCSA staff tie DRL working group discussion to need for changes in applicable policies, including Board Policy on Authorization and Oversight. Some members report egregious fiscal oversight (though others report lighter fiscal oversight than in years past). - **Path forward:** Leverage new DRL/applicable policies working group with Frances Gipson and CSD to request that the group update district authorization and oversight policies and make recommendations to the board for a vote by June 2018. CCSA recommends pushing for a broad scale public campaign to push for consistent, transparent oversight building on DRL campaign from the fall.
Relationship Building	The Los Angeles charter community establishes and maintains a leading voice informing LAUSD policy decisions with the new school board in place so that students and parents are at the forefront of District decision making.	- LA charter leaders host bi-monthly meetings with a minimum of five LAUSD board members or their staff throughout the entire 2017-18 school year focused on relationship building and policy priorities. - LA charter leaders meet with Superintendent King on a quarterly basis beginning in the Fall of 2017 focused on relationship building and policy priorities. - LA charter leaders continue monthly meetings with the LAUSD Charter Schools Division.	- Board Members Rodriguez, García and Melvoin have participated in conversations with the LAAC. Board Member Gonez has been invited. - LAAC members have been meeting monthly in small groups with Kelly Gonez and Nick Melvoin. - A small group of charter leaders met with Michelle King in the fall. - Vivian Ekchian and Frances Gipson have been invited to participate in a conversation with the LAAC at a future meeting. Both RSVP’d for canceled Arne Duncan event. Frances will likely attend an upcoming meeting. - The DRL/applicable policies working group may be an opportunity to build relationships with Vivian Ekchian, Frances Gipson and CSD staff. - Vivian Ekchian and Frances Gipson have requested that charter leaders and CCSA come directly to them

			with issues before going to the board; Frances is facilitating new DRL/applicable policies working group. • CCSA is working to influence the Superintendent search, starting with the development of a member survey to form a "candidate profile" and conversations with education community partners.
Facilities, Measure Q	State and local charter school bond dollars are allocated in a manner that is transparent and consistent with the long-term facilities needs of charter schools.	• Secure passage of an LAUSD Board resolution that establishes a concrete plan/program for the use of remaining Measure Q charter bond dollars • Lay the groundwork for charter inclusion in future LAUSD bonds.	• CCSA continues to monitor the likelihood of a new bond program moving forward while building out bond program non-negotiables with the LAAC's facilities policy working group. A bond is more likely to be pursued in 2020. Our program proposal would mirror the separate facilities proposal we have shared with Board Member Melvoin described below.
Facilities, Long-Term Agreements	Los Angeles charter school families have access to long-term, stable, District facilities that are equipped to support the learning needs of all students.	• Partner with LAUSD Board Members and staff to establish 3 long-term facilities use agreements between the District and charter schools by June 30, 2018. • Partner with LAUSD to establish a public database which houses pertinent information about all District facilities such as, student capacity, number of classrooms, amount of shared space, and past and present occupants. • Leverage data around unused and underutilized LAUSD facilities to support a proposal to consolidate, lease, and/or sell LAUSD facilities to charter schools. • Lay the groundwork for charter use of Prop 51 dollars on long-term facilities.	• Through DRL negotiations in November LAUSD removed language that pre-empted creative long-term use agreements on District property, an initial roadblock in this area. • LAUSD's Office of the General Counsel and, consequently, the District, have taken the position that long-term facilities use agreements are illegal under Prop 39. CCSA, along with the LAAC and charter leaders, is working with the District (initially BD4) to problem solve long-term use agreement proposals within and out of the Prop 39 context. We hope to make long-term agreements possible via a board approved facilities resolution and/or through the terms of a new bond measure. • LAUSD passed a resolution calling for increased data transparency. CCSA, along with the LAAC and charter leaders, has proposed additional resolution language calling for the development of a complete inventory of all LAUSD school facilities, which includes but is not limited to current enrollment, site capacity, site plans, and verifiable classroom utilization information. Advocacy around increased data transparency will also come through presentations to the board related to Prop. 39 offers

			and the need for more public facilities data to determine site capacity. • CCSA, along with the LAAC and charter leaders, has proposed resolution language calling for development of a program whereby the District can identify school facilities and other real property which could provide equitable access to long-term or permanent school sites to charter schools and their students. • CCSA, along with LAAC and charter leaders, has proposed resolution language that calls for creative solutions to charter facilities funding challenges, including allowing charter schools to use Prop. 51 funds to improve, renovate, and rehabilitate District property. • Board Member Melvoin has expressed a path forward for long-term facilities within and outside of Prop. 39, increased transparency, and also potentially increased Prop. 39 oversight and hopes to accomplish these goals by the end of the year. He aims to meet with school leaders this or next week to discuss next steps. CCSA is developing a broad-scale public facilities campaign to push for these improvements.